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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has stated that Applicants are required to select one of Group I drawn to claims 1-11 or Group II drawn to claims 12-16 for prosecution. The Examiner has also stated that Applicants are required to select one of the following species for prosecution:

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| Species A | Figures 1-3; |
| Species B | Figures 4-7; |
| Species C | Figures 8-12; |
| Species D | Figures 13-15; |
| Species E | Figures 13, 16 and 17 |
| Species F | Figures 8-12 and 18 |
| Species G | Figures 13-15 and 18; and |
| Species H | Figures 13 and 16-18 |

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-11) and Species G as illustrated in Figs. 13-15 and 18 for prosecution, with traverse. Claims 1-11 are submitted as belonging to Group I and as being readable on Species G as illustrated in Figs. 13-15 and 18. However, the Examiner has not identified any burden for examining all of the claims. "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." M.P.E.P. §803.01. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims should be examined.

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Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-16 should be examined and allowed and a Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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